

Amendments to the Specification

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Related Applications

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While the solvent system is generally non-aqueous, water may be used for water soluble active agents and for those drugs or other active agents which are stable in the presence of and not denigrated by the presence of water. Water may also be introduced as a component of one of the other ingredients, for example, as an alcohol:water azeotrope, etc. When water is present in the solvent it will usually constitute less than about 50 percent, preferably less than about 10 percent, especially, preferably, less than about 2 percent, by weight of the total solvent although more or less may be used depending on the active agent and so long as the objective of the invention can be met. Furthermore, as will become apparent by the examples to follow, the compositions of this invention and utilizing the principles which will be described in more detail,

hereinafter, may also be formulated as aqueous emulsions, including wherein the aqueous emulsions, as is the case with non-aqueous (usually less than about 5%, be rapidly absorbed by the release the active agent or agents in, typically, less than one minute.- -